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## STATE TAX LEVY MAY BE CUT

### Tax Committee to Make Broad Proposal

### NEW BUILDING BE HELD UP

Joint Legislative Tax Committee to Recommend Reductions in Appropriations which are Expected to Reduce the State Levy from 12 to 8 Mills.

The State, Dec. 5.

Reduction of the state tax levy for 1922 by at least one-third is to be the major proposal of the joint legislative committee on economy and consolidation, according to an announcement following a two day session of the committee in Columbia last week. The meeting was attended by Senator Niles Christensen, chairman; Senators F. A. Miller and W. Fred Lightsey, and Representatives E. T. Hughes and J. Ed. Anderson. The only member absent was Representative John K. Hamblin, who was unavoidably detained by cases in court.

According to the committee's statement, three different devices will be used to reduce the state tax levy from 12 mills to eight mills or less. The first is to postpone the construction of practically all building operations for a year. The second is to carry on the state government at smaller cost by means of better organization and improved operating procedure. The third is to raise part of the state's money by levies on those now escaping wholly or partially their fair share of the burden. All told, according to the committee, the general property tax can be reduced over \$2,000,000 as compared with 1921.

### Building Deferred

After considerable discussion the committee came to the conclusion that financial conditions in the state would justify its recommendation to the legislature of deferring practically all building operations by state institutions in 1922. Such action would result in a reduction of the appropriations by approximately half a million dollars. The committee realizes that this means merely the deferring of expenditures which in some cases will have to be made later. In only a few instances, however, was the committee able to learn of conditions making the erection of new building at once very desirable and in most cases it was thought no great hardship would result from a postponement of the building program for one year.

The principal attention of the committee was given to the possibility of savings through the consolidation of state agencies, through better internal organization in departments and institutions, through the central purchasing of supplies, through improvements in the state's fiscal system, and through better operating procedure. After carefully considering conditions as found in each separate department, commission, board, and institution, the committee concluded that the appropriations for 1922 might be decreased by another half million in this manner. In this case the committee points out the savings will not be for 1922 only but will continue year after year indefinitely. Members expressed the further opinion that closer financial control according to a plan which will be presented to the legislature may be expected to prevent any rapid and unreasonable increase in the cost of state government during the prosperous years which the committee believes will in the course of time be experienced again in South Carolina.

### Changes in System

Additional relief should be given hard pressed tax payers, the committee believes, through changes in the tax system, and the committee is working on definite proposals to present to the legislature. These proposals will deal with new sources of revenue and with means of so shifting the tax burden that it will be more fairly distributed. In particular the committee expects to recommend the adoption of plans to provide for tax raising of at least \$1,000,000 from those now escaping taxation in whole or in part with a consequent lessening of the levies on those now carrying the whole load.

Before adjourning the committee went over the reports on the various

## Standing of Contestants

The following is the standing of candidates:

**Barksdale**  
Mr. W. A. Wilson, R. F. D. . . . 289,050  
Miss Irene Todd . . . . . 103,000  
Mr. E. C. Simpson . . . . . 103,500

**Clinton**  
Mr. Jobe B. Nabors, Rt. 2 . . . 100,000

**Cross Hill**  
Miss Annie Coley . . . . . 101,100  
Miss Mazelle Campbell, Rt. 1 . 79,800

**Gray Court**  
Miss Margie Ropp . . . . . 100,150  
Mr. Kemper Holder . . . . . 100,000  
Miss T. Hunter . . . . . 101,100

**Gray Court R. F. D. 1**  
Miss Nannie Campbell . . . . . 101,150

**Gray Court R. F. D. 2**  
Miss Nellie Riddle . . . . . 101,100

**Laurens**  
Miss Lillie Mae Cox . . . . . 214,500  
Mrs. M. O. Fowler . . . . . 100,000

**Laurens R. F. D. 1**  
Mrs. L. Connor Fuller . . . . . 296,000  
Mrs. Hayne Taylor . . . . . 293,500  
Mrs. J. N. Hudgens . . . . . 288,000  
Mrs. M. F. Medlock . . . . . 284,900  
Miss Mary Sue Dagnall . . . . . 239,000  
Miss Sarah Bishop . . . . . 211,000  
Miss Frances Blakely . . . . . 210,900

**Laurens R. F. D. 2**  
Miss Eva Bolt . . . . . 260,000  
Miss Daisy Belle Owings . . . . . 237,500  
Miss Bessie Gillespie . . . . . 237,500  
Miss Mary A. Powers . . . . . 210,500

**Laurens R. F. D. 3**  
Mrs. Hogan Walker . . . . . 214,500  
Miss Lizzie Sloan . . . . . 99,000  
Mrs. R. T. Cunningham . . . . . 96,150

**Laurens R. F. D. 4**  
Miss Laurence Culbertson . . . 215,400

**Laurens R. F. D. 5**  
Miss Maggie Clardy . . . . . 100,500

**Mountville**  
Miss Elberta Teague . . . . . 280,400

**Owings**  
Miss Henry Elta Owings . . . . . 280,500  
Miss Mary Armstrong, Rt. 2 . . 101,000  
Miss Annie Lee Curry, Rt. 1 . . 100,500

**Ware Shoals**  
Miss Bernice Dayenport . . . . 100,000

**Waterloo**  
Miss Louise Saxon . . . . . 279,750  
Miss Jennie Fuller . . . . . 100,000  
Miss Janelle Chapman, Rt. 1 . . 101,000  
Miss Lillie McPherson, Rt. 2 . . 100,150

**Local Police to Greenwood**

At the request of the police department of Greenwood, Chief J. T. Crews will detail two of Laurens' "Finest" to assist the Greenwood police department Friday in taking care of the crowds expected in that city to welcome General Foch. In all probability Policemen Bob Wham and Hose Martin will go over to help do up the job right. The Greenwood department is not expecting any disorder, but assistance will be needed in taking care of the traffic.

### Wednesday Club Meeting Postponed

Mrs. Geo. M. Wright, president of the Wednesday club, announces that the meeting which was to have been held this afternoon, has been postponed to December 21. Gov. Cooper had been invited to address the meeting this afternoon, but the Conference of Governors in Charleston has forced him to cancel his engagement.

### Legion Members Invited

J. D. M. Smith, post commander of the local post of the American Legion, has received an invitation from Ernest Rosenberg, post commander of the Greenwood post, inviting the local post to be present at Greenwood to assist in the welcome to General Foch Friday. It is asked that the ex-service men be in uniform.

state agencies made by Griffenhagen & Associates, Ltd., of Chicago, the industrial engineers who have conducted the investigations, and decided upon the text of the report it will make to the legislature. This report, which the committee expects to put into the hands of members of the general assembly when they convene in January, will consist of two parts. The first part will embody the committee's conclusions and recommendations and its concrete proposals as to savings, improvements in the fiscal system, and changes in the tax system which will shift part of the burden to those now paying only small amounts or escaping entirely. The second part will set forth briefly the committee's findings with regard to the conditions in each of the various state agencies.

## FIRST PERIOD OF CONTEST ENDED

150,000 Extra Vote Offer Spur Laggard Workers and Will Enable Them to Take The Lead

### TEN DOLLARS CASH PRIZE GIVEN AWAY DECEMBER 10

The Time to Start is Now for Thus Far The Race Shows No Real Leader Topping the Heap—So Take the Lead and Win One of Four Prizes.

The first period in The Advertiser's great subscription contest ended last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Up to this point in the race the indications are that it will be a close and hotly contested one. Much strength has developed in unexpected quarters that puts at naught any conclusion as to the ultimate winners.

However, thus far in the battle for ballots, Mrs. L. Connor Fuller and Mrs. Hayne Taylor have the lead by small margins, they winning the two cash prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00, respectively, having closely on their heels Mr. W. A. Wilson, of Barksdale; Mrs. J. N. Hudgens, city; Mrs. F. M. Medlock, city; Miss Henry Elta Owings, Owings; Miss Elberta Teague, Mountville, and Miss Louise Saxon, Waterloo.

The opportunity for big results are still before our score of active workers, for the territory has scarcely been scratched, and of the 2,000 people now taking The Advertiser not a tenth of their renewals have been secured.

Now while the first period's results do not tell the way the wind blows as to the final winners, they do indicate the calibre of the workers, and The Advertiser's race has developed a half dozen of workers, anyone of whom may be the final winner. They are all dangerous competitors. Watch them during the next three weeks.

There will be \$35 more in cash prizes given away during the contest and we are wondering if the two winners this week can duplicate the trick.

While these cash prizes are minor affairs when compared to the four Grand Prizes, they carry a prestige of hustle and stick-to-it-tiveness that goes a long way toward final winning.

Remember there are Four Grand Prizes, more cash prizes and commissions to be won, so don't let anybody or anything discourage you. Go in to win that handsome Sedan.

### \$10 More Goes December 10th

To the candidate turning in the greatest number of RENEWAL subscriptions during the week ending Saturday, December 10, 3 p. m., will be awarded \$10 in cash.

### 150,000 Extra Votes

Now that "opportunity period" is over (it closed December 3rd, 3 p. m.) please don't feel that if you didn't do quite as well during the first round of the race as you wished, that "all is lost." To be perfectly frank the results thus far in the race could have been a great deal better on the part

of all competitors.

But here is something that ought to make YOU sit up and take notice: During the week ending December 10, 3 p. m., the BIGGEST and BEST vote offer for the balance of the contest will be in effect.

If YOU did not get as many subscriptions during the period ending last Saturday, don't be worried, just jump in and show us what you can do when you really try, during the week ending December 10th, 3 p. m. For EACH \$15 in cash subscription business will give you 150,000 EXTRA VOTES; \$30 gives 300,000 EXTRA VOTES; \$45 gives 450,000 EXTRA VOTES; \$60 gives 600,000 EXTRA VOTES; \$75 gives 750,000 EXTRA VOTES; \$90 gives 900,000 EXTRA VOTES; \$105 gives ONE MILLION, FIFTY THOUSAND EXTRA VOTES. We quit at \$105, but you don't need to stop turning in subscription when you reach \$105. For EACH TIME you have in \$15 you get 150,000 EXTRA VOTES. This vote offer in one respect is much better than that of "opportunity period" which just closed, for THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF EXTRA VOTES ONE CAN WIN.

A contestant doesn't have to turn in \$15 all at one time. Send in your subscriptions every time you get more money on hand than you care to take care of, and every time your total business reaches \$15 we issue you an extra vote coupon. A real live wire worker is going to try and "get into the millionaire class" if only in votes. AIM HIGH—try for that million extra votes, and you will come closer to securing them than if you just try for 150,000 extra.

During the period following the 150,000 extra vote offer, ONLY 125,000 extra votes will be given with each \$15 turned in, so try and get all business in you possibly can during the present big vote offer.

### Not Too Late

The list of contestants is gradually being weeded down to the real workers. Any contestant that has failed to make a report of business up to December 3rd, 3 p. m., since the beginning of the race will be dropped. The Advertiser is giving away \$1,157.00 in prizes, and guaranteeing those that fall to win a prize a cash commission, and under this offer we feel we have a right to expect those entered to work, or give place to such as will at least TRY. And if you TRY to get subscriptions we know you CAN. Any person who will take a receipt book and call on their friends and neighbors can get SOME BUSINESS—can get enough to secure a substantial commission check, if nothing else. And you can't tell just HOW MUCH work you can do UNTIL YOU TRY. So make at least an honest TRY—then if you fail, why, the thing to do is to TRY AGAIN.

### THOS. M. WORKMAN DEAD

Well Known Citizen of the County Died Sunday at County Farm.

Thos. M. Workman, one of the oldest citizens of the county and a familiar figure in Clinton and Laurens, died at the county farm Sunday. Mr. Workman was about eighty years of age. The funeral services are to be held at Rocky Springs church this morning at 11 o'clock.

In early life Mr. Workman was a school teacher, having taught a large number of the middle-aged residents of the county today. He had a turn for inventive and research work and claimed to have been the first to think out the principle of the telephone. Shortly after the war, he is said to have made a crude telephone instrument and forwarded it to a manufacturer in the North, but before he could get a patent on it another patent was gotten out by Alexander Graham Bell, who received the credit for the first invention.

For the past few months Mr. Workman has been in failing health and he was given a home at the county farm by the county officials.

Miss Nell Jones, of G. W. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Jones.

### To Practice Law in Greenville

William B. McGowan, better known in athletic circles over the state as "Wop" McGowan, spent the week-end in the city after completing his season as assistant coach at the University of South Carolina. Mr. McGowan has recently been admitted to practice law in the courts of the state and on January 1st expects to locate in Greenville, where he will be associated with J. G. Leatherwood, who has had an office there for some time.

### To Show Pageant Films

Manager W. M. Switzer, of the Princess Theatre, announced yesterday that he had succeeded in signing a contract for a showing of the Keewee Trail pageant films, the films being shown here on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16. It is stated that a rare presentation of the pageant was secured by the film photographer. As a number of local people appeared in the pageant, it is thought that the film will be received here with a great deal of interest.

### Play at Shiloh

The play "Brother Josiah" will be given by the teachers and pupils of Shiloh school Friday evening, December 16. The public is invited to attend and help a worthy cause.

## CITY COUNCIL MAKES STATEMENT

Gives Chamber of Commerce Approximate Condition of City Finances and Estimate of Receipts and Expenditures for Next Year.

In response to a letter from a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce asking for information as to city finances and an estimate of receipts and expenditures for next year, the City Council, at its meeting Monday night, received from City Clerk Stanley Crews the report below and authorized him to submit it to the committee as Council's reply to the questionnaire. The object of the enquiry, as previously published, was to lay before the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the financial condition of the city so that a decision could be made as to the wisdom of proceeding with further bond issues for civic improvement.

In submitting his figures, Mr. Crews stated that the revenue from the property tax was estimated on the basis of last year's tax rate of 25 mills. On account of the system of book-keeping which the city has, he said, it was impracticable to make a reasonable estimate of permanent improvements made during the past year on short notice.

Discussion of the statement brought up the subject of the tax levy for next year. On motion of Alderman Dial the rate was fixed again at 25 mills, 3-1-2 mills of this being set apart for interest and deposits in the sinking fund. Mr. Dial estimated that at that rate the entire floating indebtedness of the city would be wiped out in seven years.

The report of the city clerk follows:

**Committee's Letter**  
State of South Carolina,  
County of Laurens,  
City of Laurens.  
To Hon. J. A. Franks, Mayor, and Members of City Council of City of Laurens, S. C.:

We, the undersigned, having been appointed as a committee to consider the question of the indebtedness of the City of Laurens, and the proposition of suggesting an amount to be asked for in bonds for the purpose of promoting additional water and sewerage accommodations and report back to the Chamber of Commerce, by which body we were asked to act as such committee, respectfully submit that we have not sufficient data from your Honorable body to enable us to reach a satisfactory conclusion in the premises. Wherefore we would appreciate your giving the committee a correct statement of the indebtedness of the City of Laurens, not only for bonds issued to date, but all other indebtedness, so that we may be enabled to make such recommendation to the Chamber of Commerce as in our judgment would be wise in the premises after we have in hand the total indebtedness of the city. The total sources of income to meet such liabilities as they accrue, and to pay the current expenses as well; and your committee will await requested information with pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. DIAL, Chm.,  
W. L. GRAY,  
W. R. McQUEEN,  
N. C. HUGHES, Jr.,  
W. G. LANCASTER.

### CITY STATEMENT City of Laurens—Clerk's Office December 5th, 1921.

**ASSETS**  
Notes Receivable . . . . . \$ 4,513.75  
Accounts Receivable . . . . . 175.00  
Uncollected Taxes . . . . . 602.44  
Interest Accrued . . . . . 97.15  
Cash, Nov. 30, 1921 . . . . . 1,420.64  
Excess Liab. over Assets . . . 112,972.40

Total . . . . . \$119,781.41

**LIABILITIES**  
Notes Payable . . . . . \$ 82,367.79  
Accounts Payable . . . . . 11,322.70  
Laurens Mill (cash) . . . . . 5,318.58  
Interest Accrued . . . . . 772.34  
Due Sinking Fund . . . . . 20,000.00

Total . . . . . \$119,781.41

The following is estimated yearly receipts and expenditures from the several sources of revenue and expense accounts. The estimate was made on basis of receipts and expenditures from November 30th, 1920 to October 31st, 1921. The actual expense incurred on each account was worked out as nearly as possible by

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## GREENWOOD READY FOR MARSHAL FOCH

Great Crowds Expected to Welcome Him

### MAYOR FRANKS IS INVITED

Greenwood Plans to Make Friday a Gala Day When the Marshal of France will be Officially Received as the Guest of South Carolina.

Great preparations are on foot for the reception of General Foch at Greenwood Friday, according to reports coming over from that city. Governor Cooper and his staff, besides many other state officials and mayors of cities, will be present to give the French generalissimo an official welcome to the state.

Mayor Franks received a telegram last week from the entertainment committee inviting him to be present and extending an invitation to all the people of the county to be present.

The general's train will arrive over the Seaboard Air Line railway at 4 p. m., instead of 4:25, as previously stated, and will remain in Greenwood for half an hour.

In regard to the preparations for the day, the Greenwood Index-Journal had this to say a few days ago:

December 9 will be one long carnival day, crowned with the visit of Marshal Ferdinand Foch at 4:00 in the afternoon, under plans worked out at the American Legion meeting last night. A football game in the morning between Newberry and Erskine Colleges, which is practically assured; a dance in the evening following Marshal Foch's visit, and many other attractive features are only a few of the interesting events which will make Greenwood look like a miniature New Orleans celebrating the Mardi Gras, those who are making the arrangements declare.

Dozens of committees, appointed to carry out specific details of the arrangements for the visit of Marshal Foch, are working at a fever heat today. The invitation committee last night sent over 100 telegrams to mayors of the principal towns of South Carolina, United States Senators, Congressmen, State Supreme Court Judges and many other high officials of the state to be honor guests on December 9. In addition to the telegrams, one thousand letters will be written at once inviting college heads, the student bodies of various colleges, and prominent citizens from all over the state to be present.

### Engage Decorator

A professional decorator from Columbia has already been engaged to begin work on the decorations for Foch Day. The buildings in the business part of the city will be draped with the Stars and Stripes and the French Tri-Color. Every man, woman and child in the vast throng to greet the great Marshal of France will be expected to have two flags, an American and a French flag. The American Legion has already placed an order for twenty thousand of these flags.

### Legion to Control Concessions

All concessions will be in control of the American Legion. They alone will be permitted to sell flags, confetti, and other paraphernalia of the carnival crowd. Committees composed of Bryan Sproles, Louis Reynolds, Sam Turner, C. D. Welch and Harold Bolton will make arrangements for concessions.

### May Send Man to Athens

A man may be sent to Athens, Georgia to meet the special train of Marshal Foch and come from there with the train. The special representative of Greenwood will telegraph ahead how many will detrain from the Marshal's train so that adequate arrangements can be made for them.

### To Begin Work On Arch

Work on the arch of triumph over Maxwell Avenue from the National Bank Building to the Farmers' and Merchants Bank will begin as soon as possible and plans are being made for the immense platform with room for 100 persons, a raised dais for Marshal Foch and a pit for newspaper men.

A gigantic American Legion emblem, 25 feet in diameter, will be constructed and hung in front of the American Legion Hall.